

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Thomas M. DiMauro, on March 24, 2010. See attached Interview Summary.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **Rejoinder of Claims**

It is noted that previously withdrawn claims 19, 20, 28 and 29 are being rejoined and allowed in accordance with MPEP 1302.04(h).

#### **In the claims (see amendment filed on 3/16/2010):**

In claim 1, line 4: immediately after "plunger" and before "having" inserted - - in the form of a wire or a monofilament, the flexible plunger - - to better define Applicant's invention.

In claim 1: deleted line 5 and inserted instead - - flexible delivery tube, - - to better define Applicant's invention.

In claim 1, line 6: replaced "located" with - - attached to - - to better define Applicant's invention.

In claim 1, line 7: deleted "adjacent" to better define Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 1: immediately after "plunger" inserted - - has a proximal end portion and a distal end portion, the distal end portion having an enlarged portion. - -

and further in the same line deleted "has a first distal end portion" to better define Applicant's invention.

In claim 22: deleted lines 2 and 3.

In claim 28, line 1: replaced "advancing" with - - advancement - - for consistency with the language used in claim 1.

In claim 29, line 1: replaced "advancing" with - - advancement - - for consistency with the language used in claim 1.

Canceled claims 7, 21, 23, 31 and 32.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached at (571) 272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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